I Am Willing

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**[Capo 2]**

**[Intro]**

**C Am G C**

**[Chorus in C]:**

 **C G C**

I am open and I am willing, for to be hopeless would seem so strange.

 **C Am G C**

It dishonors those who go before us, so lift me up to the light of change.

**[Verse 1]:**

 **C G C**

There is hurting in my family. There is sorrow in my town.

 **C Am G C**

There is panic all across the nation. There is wailing the whole world 'round. But...

**[Chorus in C, followed by A7 to change key]**

**[Verse 2]:**

**A7 D A D**

May the children see more clearly. May the elders be more wise.

 **D Bm A D**

May the winds of change caress us, even though they burn our eyes.

**[Chorus in D]:**

 **D A D**

But I am open and I am willing, for to be hopeless would seem so strange.

 **D Bm A D**

It dishonors those who go before us, so lift me up to the light of change.

**[Verse 3]:**

 **D A D**

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion. Give me a desert to hold my fears.

 *(mighty) (hold me). (oooh)*

 **D Bm A D**

Give me a sunset to hold my wonder. Give me an ocean to hold my tears.

**[Last Chorus in D]:**

 **D A D**

For I am open and I am willing, for to be hopeless would seem so strange.

 **D Bm A *(retard)* G D**

It dishonors those who go before us, so lift me up to the light of change.

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